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**Choosing the Right Quality
Measures to Promote
Sustainability of PBHCI Services**

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Agenda

- Choosing quality metrics
- Using quality metrics
- UnityPoint's data overload

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Definition of Quality Metrics

Quality measures are tools that help us measure or quantify healthcare processes, outcomes, patient perceptions, and organizational structure and/or systems that are associated with the ability to provide high-quality health care and/or that relate to one or more quality goals for health care. These goals include: effective, safe, efficient, patient-centered, equitable, and timely care.

– Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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A Quality Metric Is Born

Metrics created by

- NCQA
- Heart Association & other associations
- CMS and other govt agencies
- Research organizations (Mathematica)
- Others

Are used by

- SAMHSA for PBHCI
- CMS for value-based payments
 - PQRS
 - MIPS
- HRSA for FQHCs
- ACOs
- State and local initiatives

***The National Quality Forum has a [comprehensive list](#) of quality measures

Physical Health Outcomes

PBHCI

- H indicators – some improvement & no longer at-risk

UDS, PQRS, MIPS

- Controlled hypertension and controlled diabetes

MIPS

- Any improvement from individuals with hypertension

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Processes

PBHCI

- H indicators – screen at baseline and reassessment

UDS, PQRS, MIPS

- Tobacco screen and intervention
- BMI screen and follow-up plan

MIPS

- Coordination between providers for comorbid depression and diabetes

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Cost Savings (utilization reduction)

PBHCI

- NOMs interview – self-reported ER, nights in jail, nights homeless

ACOs and other geographically-based initiatives

- Reduction in unnecessary ER visits, hospital admittance, hospital admittance for people with specific diagnoses, hospital re-admittance

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Consumer Satisfaction

PBHCI

- NOMs Section F

Other payers

- Few examples of satisfaction metrics tied to integrated care

[AHRQ](#) has examples of satisfaction scales & questionnaires

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Social Determinants of Health

PBHCI

- NOMs Sections B, C and D

Institute of Medicine

- 30 minutes of physical activity 5 times/day.
- Diet conforms with federal dietary guidelines

[Robert Wood Johnson Foundation guide to using social determinants of health to improve health care](#)

[List of additional wellness measures](#)

Considerations When Choosing Metrics

- Long-term organizational goals/alignment with payers
- The availability of relevant information
- The ability to act on the information

Clinical Quality Measures

Practice Level eQMs

- HBA1C Poor Control (>9%) (NQF# 0059)
- Medical Attention for Nephropathy Monitoring (NQF# 0062)
- BMI Screening and Follow-up (NQF# 0421)
- Screening for Clinical Depression and Follow-up (NQF# 0418)

Practice Level Behavioral Health focused eQMs

- HBA1C Poor Control (>9%) (NQF# 0059)
- BMI Screening and Follow-up (NQF# 0421)
- Depression Utilization of the PHQ-9 Tool (NQF# 0712)
- Child and Adolescent Major Depressive Disorder (MDD): Suicide Risk Assessment (NQF# 1365)
- Adult Major Depressive Disorder (MDD): Suicide Risk Assessment (NQF# 0104)
- Follow-up after Hospitalization for Mental Illness (NQF# 0576)

LAPTN Level Reporting

- Utilization measures:
 - All-Cause Admissions for Patients with Diabetes
 - All-Cause Admissions for Patients with Depression
 - Reduction of Unnecessary Testing
 - Cost Savings

•LAPTN, a Project of L.A. Care Health Plan ➔

Using Quality Metrics

- Establish a baseline
- Set a goal for improvement
- Check in periodically to see progress towards goal
- Make changes as necessary to ensure you reach your goal

Using Quality Metrics – Blood Pressure Example

- Choose a metric that aligns with long-term goals
- Build the infrastructure to measure metric & all information necessary to improve the metric
 - List of all people with hypertension (all lists should include demographic information)
 - List of all people with hypertension who have received appropriate care
 - List of people with hypertension who are now below 140/90
- Set target for improvement
- Meet regularly to monitor improvement
- Make changes to workflows/protocols based on conversation during regular meetings

Review Blood Pressure Protocol Guide

<https://www.amga.org/wcm/PI/Collabs/HYPE/Compendiums/providence.pdf>

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Data Overload!

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Why I do what I do

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Agenda

Briefly introduce UnityPoint Health and the Berryhill Center

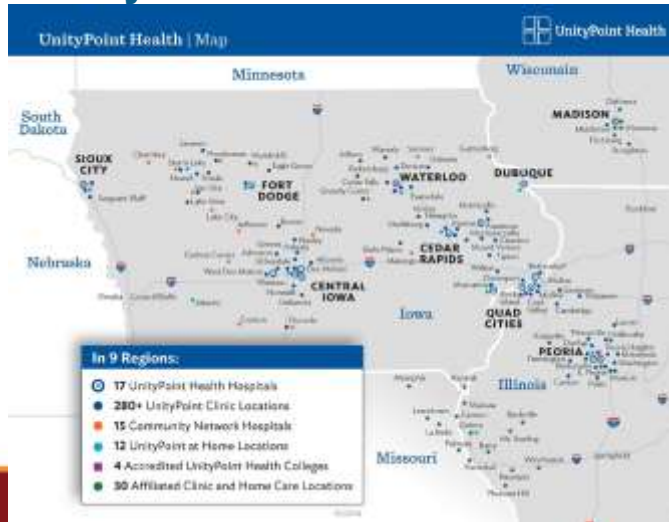
Define an Accountable Care Organization

Share our journey relating to data within our ACO

Q&A

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UnityPoint Health



Strategy:
Use our network to own and manage the premium dollar

UnityPoint Health - Berryhill Center

Community Mental Health Center

Joined UnityPoint Health in 2008

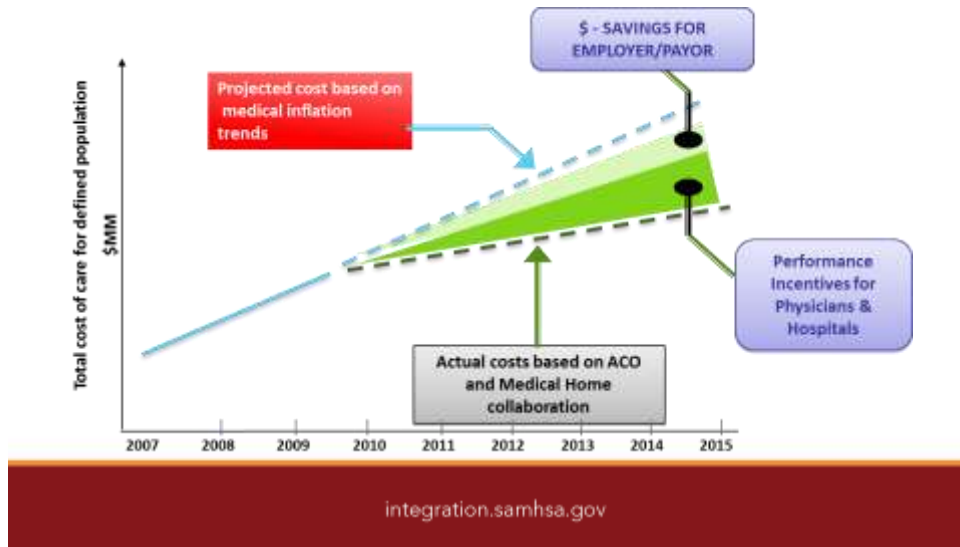
SAMHSA PBHCI Grantee; Cohort 8

54 Employees; 3 Psychiatrists, 6 ARNPs, & 13 therapists

\$5 Million Budget or .1% of UnityPoint Health's total bottom line



Definition of an ACO

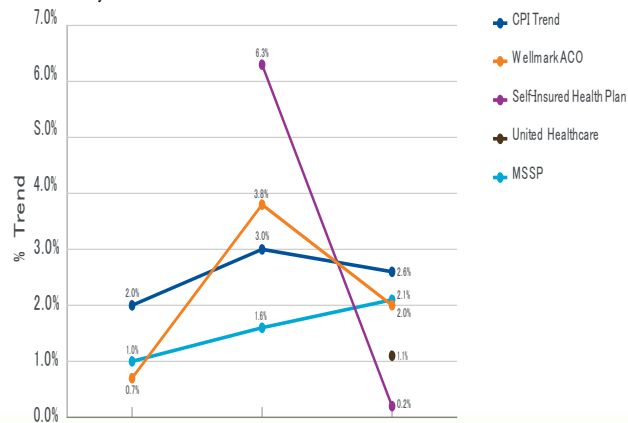


UnityPoint Accountable Care Value-Based Contracts



ACO Performance

UnityPoint Accountable Care vs. CPI Medical Trend



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ACO vs. MCO

Similarities:

- Both "Manage Care of Beneficiaries"
- Both involve utilization targets
- Both seek to lower health care claim costs

Managed Care Organizations:

- Top down approach
- Competition among healthcare providers
- Designed to remove revenue from healthcare providers

Accountable Care Organizations:

- Bottom up approach
- Teamwork among healthcare providers
- Designed to remove cost from healthcare providers



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ACO Contracts pushed us to be more robust in our understanding of data



Multiple data elements as required by ACO Contracts:

- Different metrics for each ACO Contract.
- Created workflows and EHR capabilities to capture data.
- We tried to focus on each individual measure.

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Funds Flow Model

- Limit the scope of focus based on areas of opportunity among like organizations (Hospitals, PCPs, Specialists, SNFs and Home Health: 5 metrics each)
- Transparent reporting to create healthy competition and collaboration within the network
- Utilize Predictive Analytics (Heat Map)

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But I'm not in an ACO:

- Try not to reinvent the wheel
 - MACRA MIPS Measures
 - CMS Core Measures 76 measures for Primary Care
- While you might have to track many measures for grants and other contracts, try to focus on a few high impact metrics

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ACO Contracts Push Risk Coding

We had to learn to accurately capture and treat various diagnoses of our patients

- Hierarchical Condition Category (HCC)
- Episode Risk Group (ERG)
- Value Index Score (VIS)

Incorporate risk adjustments in metrics where possible

Utilize risk coding to standardized evidence based treatment models



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ACO Contracts Push Risk Coding

But I'm not in an ACO:

- Risk Coding is still important
 - 34 States have participated in CMS State Innovation Model (SIM)
 - Partner with your MCOs to see if/how they are paid by risk.
- Incorporate risk adjustments in your metrics where possible otherwise you will encourage your staff to focus on less risky clients.
- Develop Care Pathways based on risk

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ACO payment model forced us to look at Unnecessary Utilization

- HPN Opportunities Summary (Milliman Care Guidelines)
- All Cause Readmissions
- Emergency Department Continuing Care Plan
- Telehealth Consults in Emergency Departments
- Advanced Directives and Palliative Care
- In the process of developing medication formularies for providers



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But I'm not in an ACO:

- Partner with other local providers to reduce unnecessary utilization (Particularly your hospitals)
- Do what you can to lessen their burdens with your population particularly in the Inpatient Psych Unit, Emergency Department, Pain Management Clinics, Neurology, OB, PCPs, etc.
- If done well this will lead to increased behavioral health outpatient utilization offset by inpatient costs.

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Develop Minimal Standards for existing and new ACO Network Partners

- Third Next Appointment Availability
- 7 day follow up post hospitalization (Psych and Family Medicine)
- All Cause Readmission Rates
- ED Utilization per 1,000
- Avoidable ED Encounters
- Depression Remission

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Develop Minimal Standards for existing and new ACO Network Partners

But I'm not in an ACO:

- Develop your own internal minimum standards for your providers, clinics, etc.
- Allow high performing providers coach others.

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